

**Monitoring Citizen Complaints that are Investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department  
and the D.C. Housing Authority Police Department**

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<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p>The agency's current authority should be expanded to include monitoring the number, types, and dispositions of citizen complaints investigated or otherwise resolved by MPD and DCHAPD. This monitoring responsibility should also include allowing the agency to review and report on the proposed discipline as well as the amount of actual discipline handed down by the two police departments. Further, OPC should be provided with complete and unfettered access to MPD and DCHAPD materials, including information pertaining to discipline, to carry out the monitoring function. In addition, OPC should be permitted the same full access to information and supporting documentation from MPD and DCHAPD concerning disciplinary actions taken by the two departments following the receipt of OPC complaint examiner decisions that sustain citizen complaints. This access should be extended to allow OPC to obtain all materials from MPD and DCHAPD concerning any disciplinary actions taken or that these two police departments decline to take in response to "failure to cooperate" notifications received from OPC.</p>	<p><b>Pending.</b> A bill entitled the "Police Monitoring Enhancement Amendment Act of 2009" (B18-120) was introduced before the D.C. Council on February 3, 2009, and included many of the recommendations. MPD opposed the legislation, especially the portions relating to access to underlying documents. The D.C. Council's committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary considered the legislation during the winter of 2010, but did not proceed with the bill. The legislation has not been reintroduced during the current Council period.</p>